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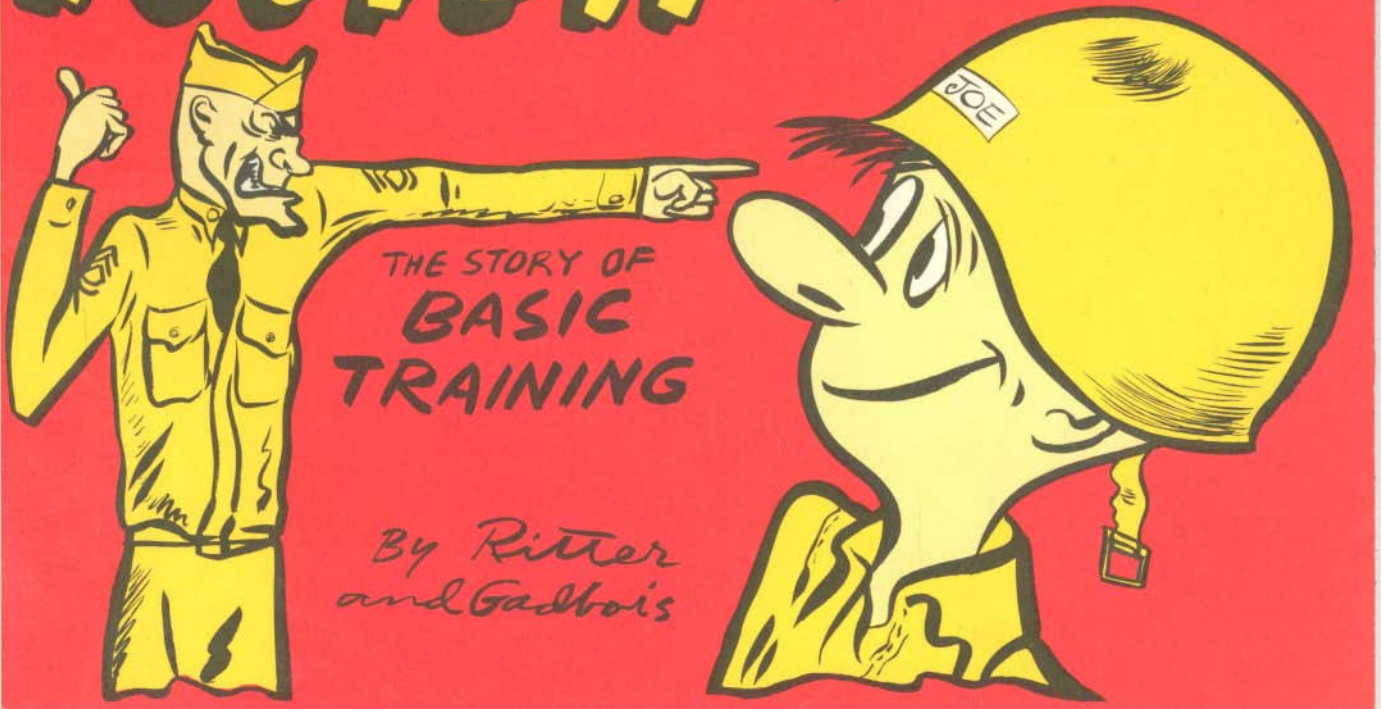

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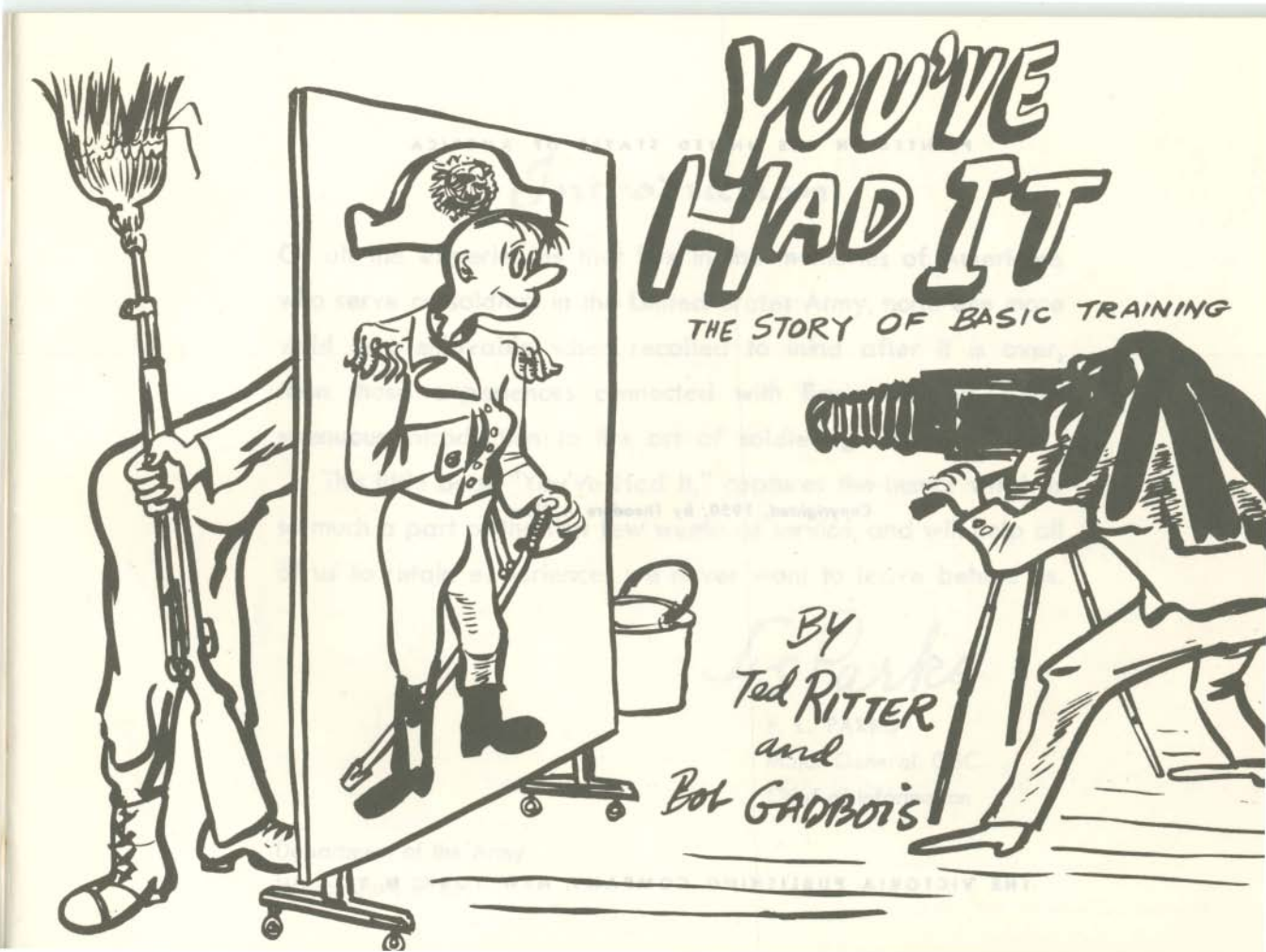
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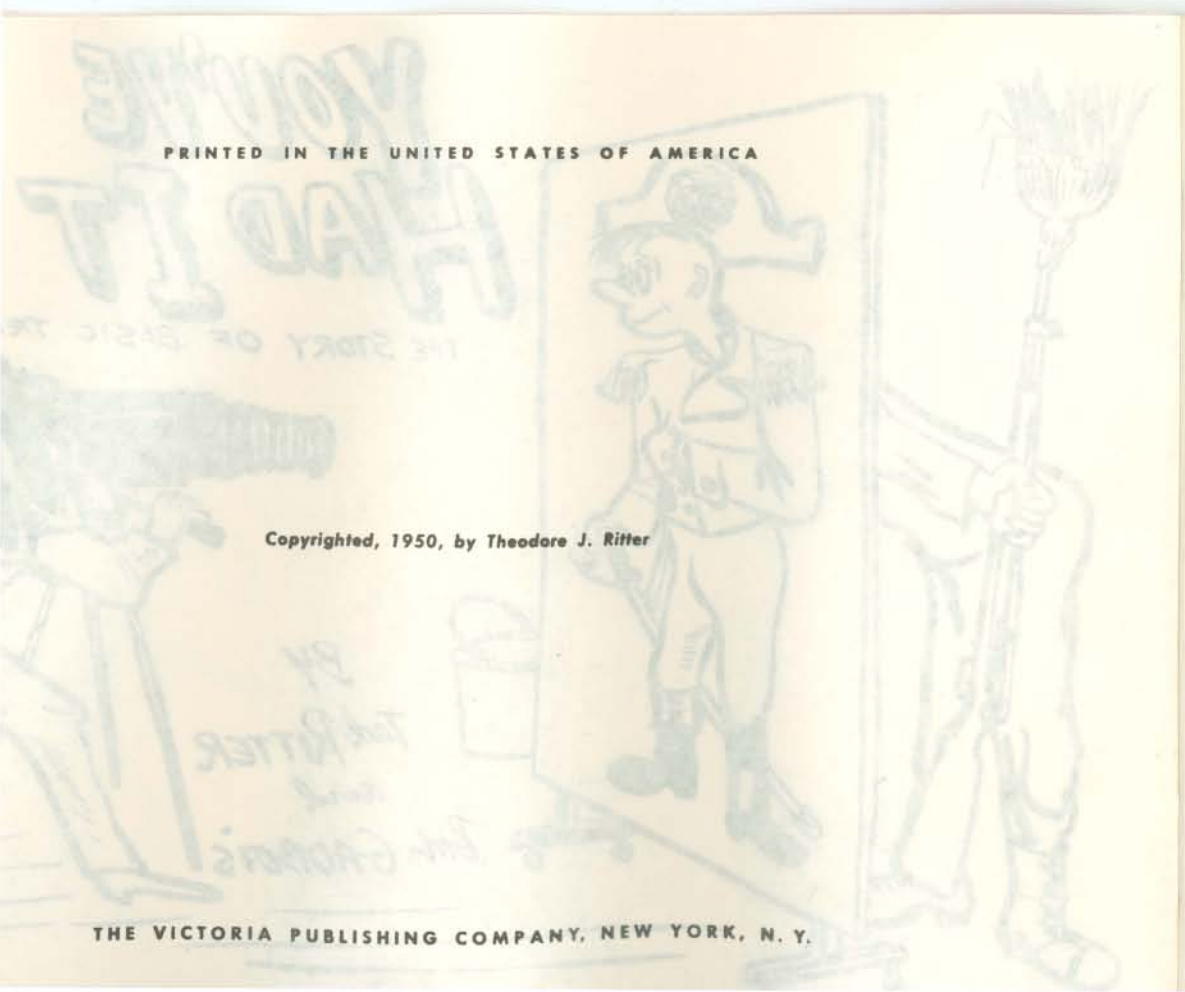

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Introduction

Of all the experiences that live in the memories of Americans who serve as soldiers in the United States Army, none are more vivid and enjoyable when recalled to mind after it is over, than those experiences connected with Basic Training — that strenuous introduction to the art of soldiering.

This little book "You've Had It," captures the humor which is so much a part of the first few weeks of service, and will help all of us to retain experiences we never want to leave behind us.

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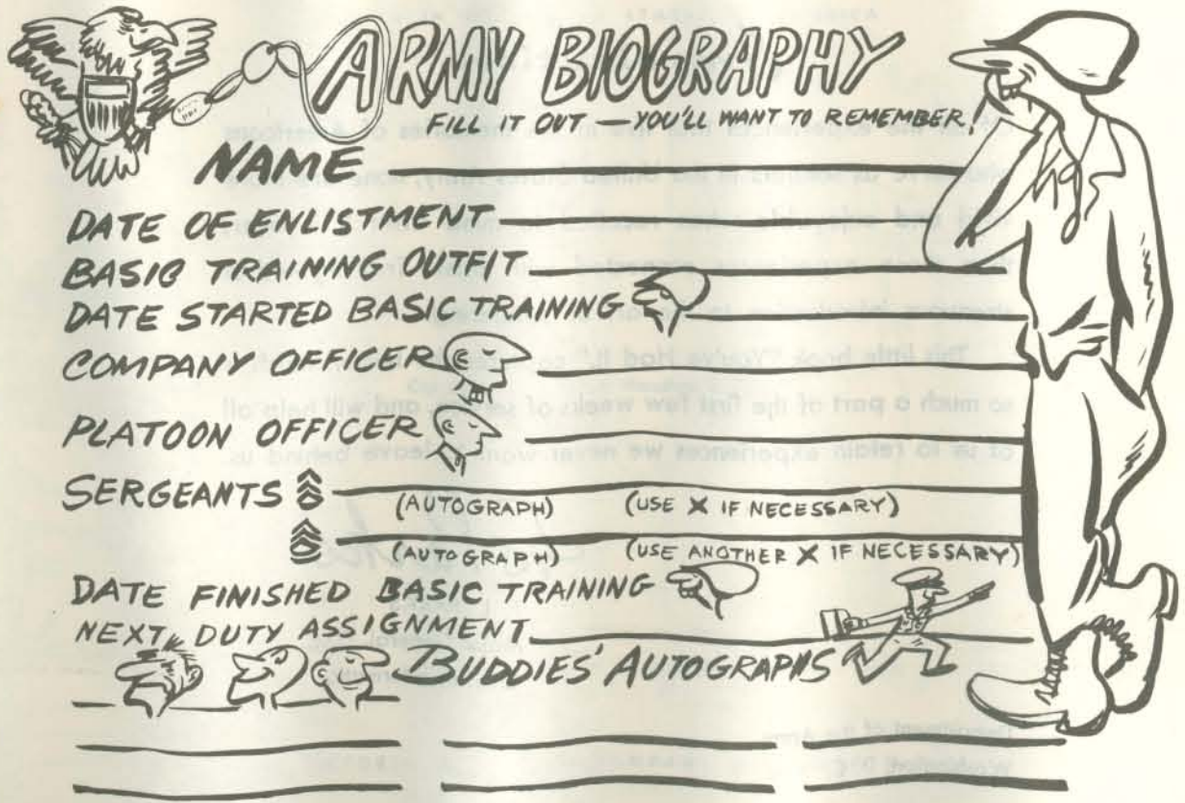

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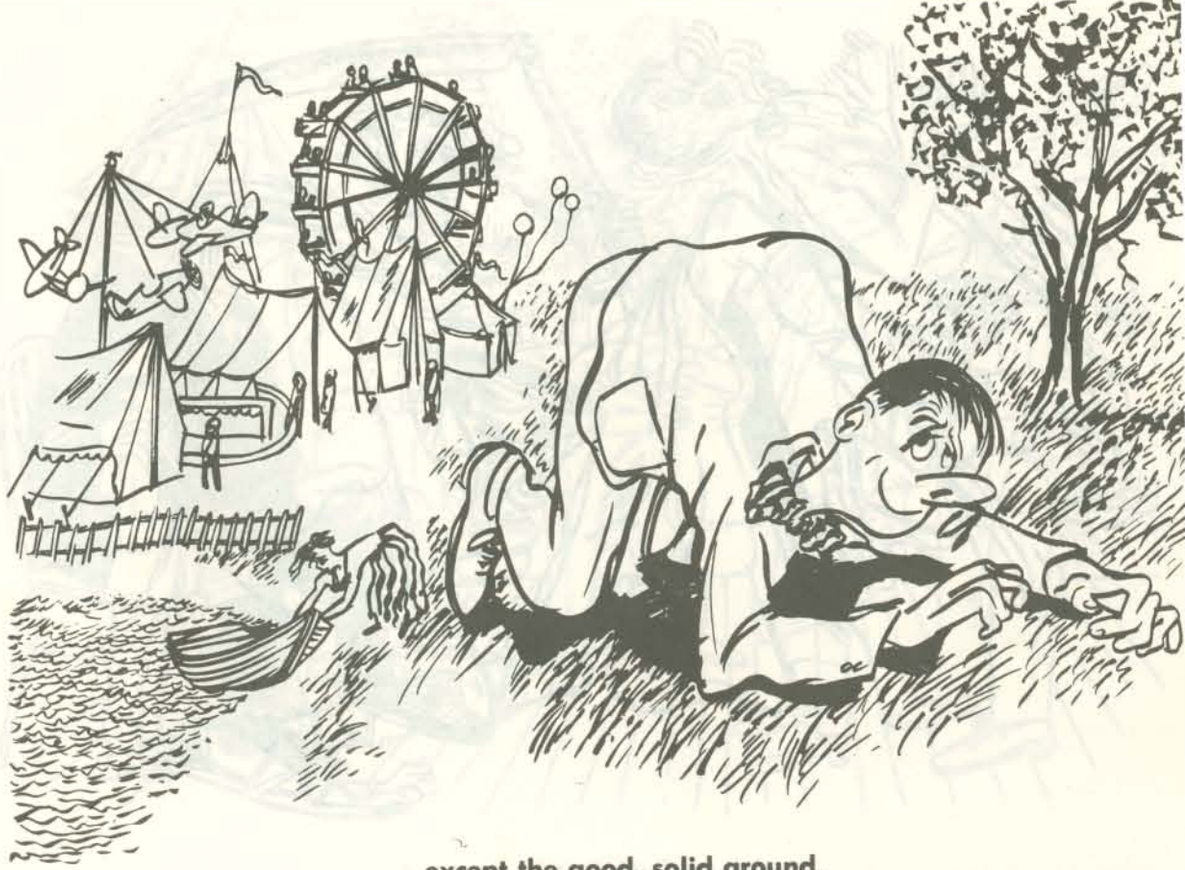
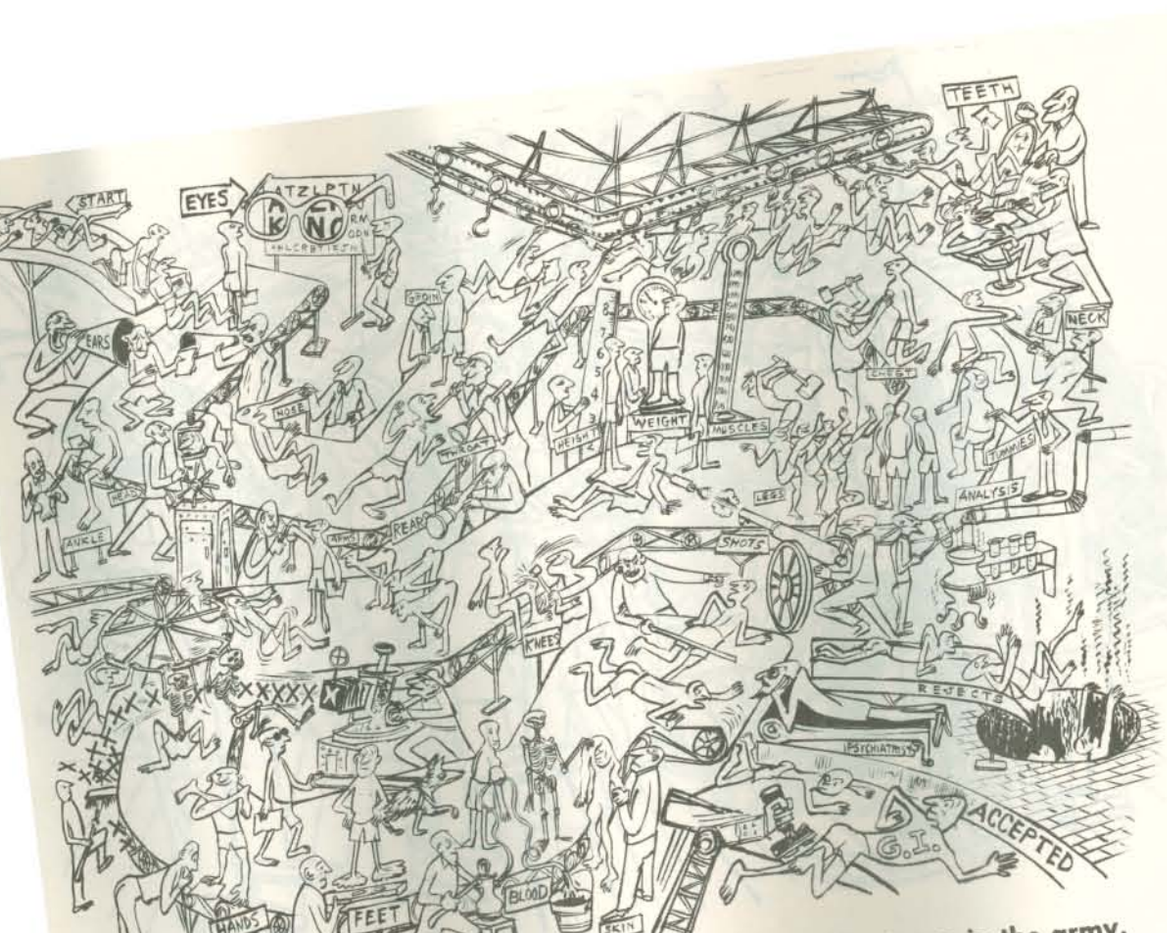
on any element

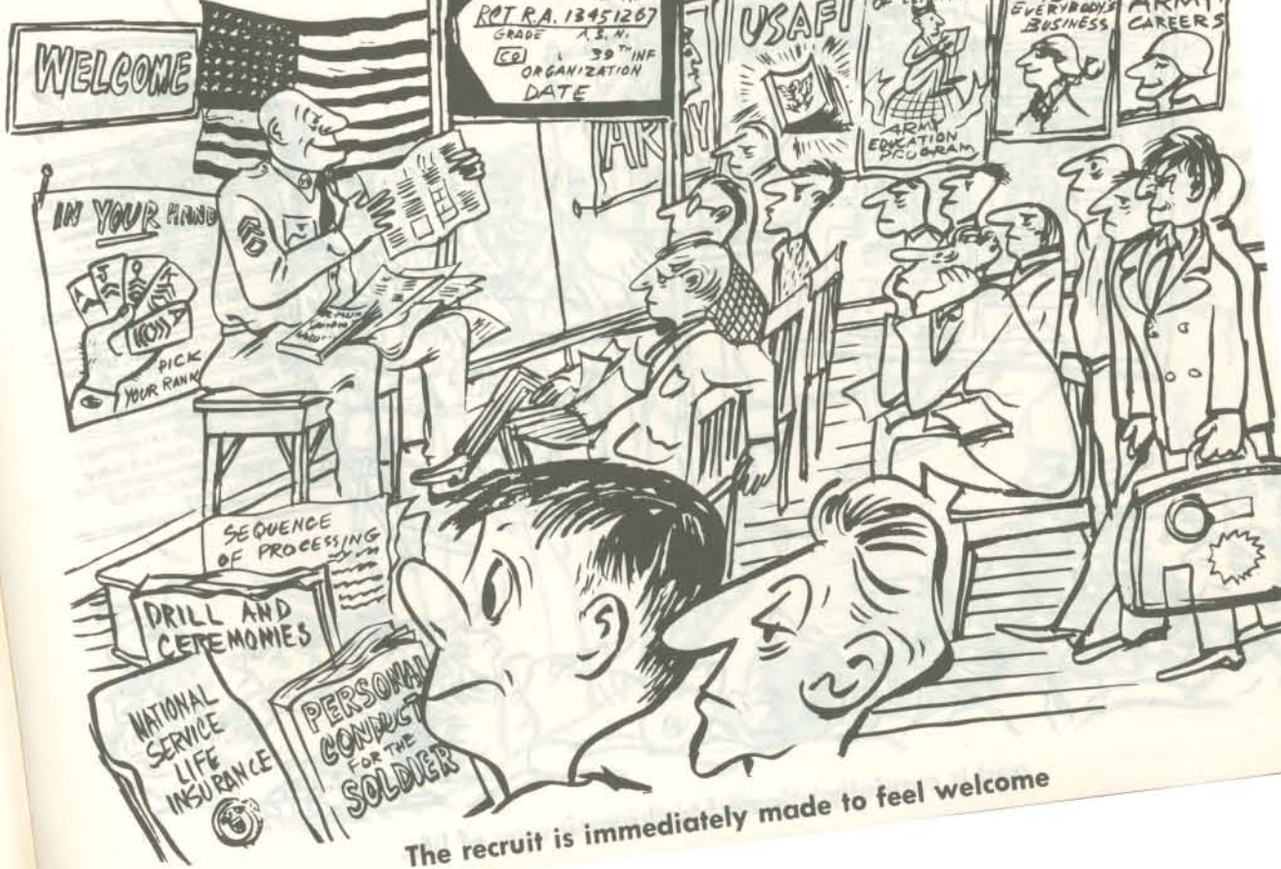


except the good, solid ground.

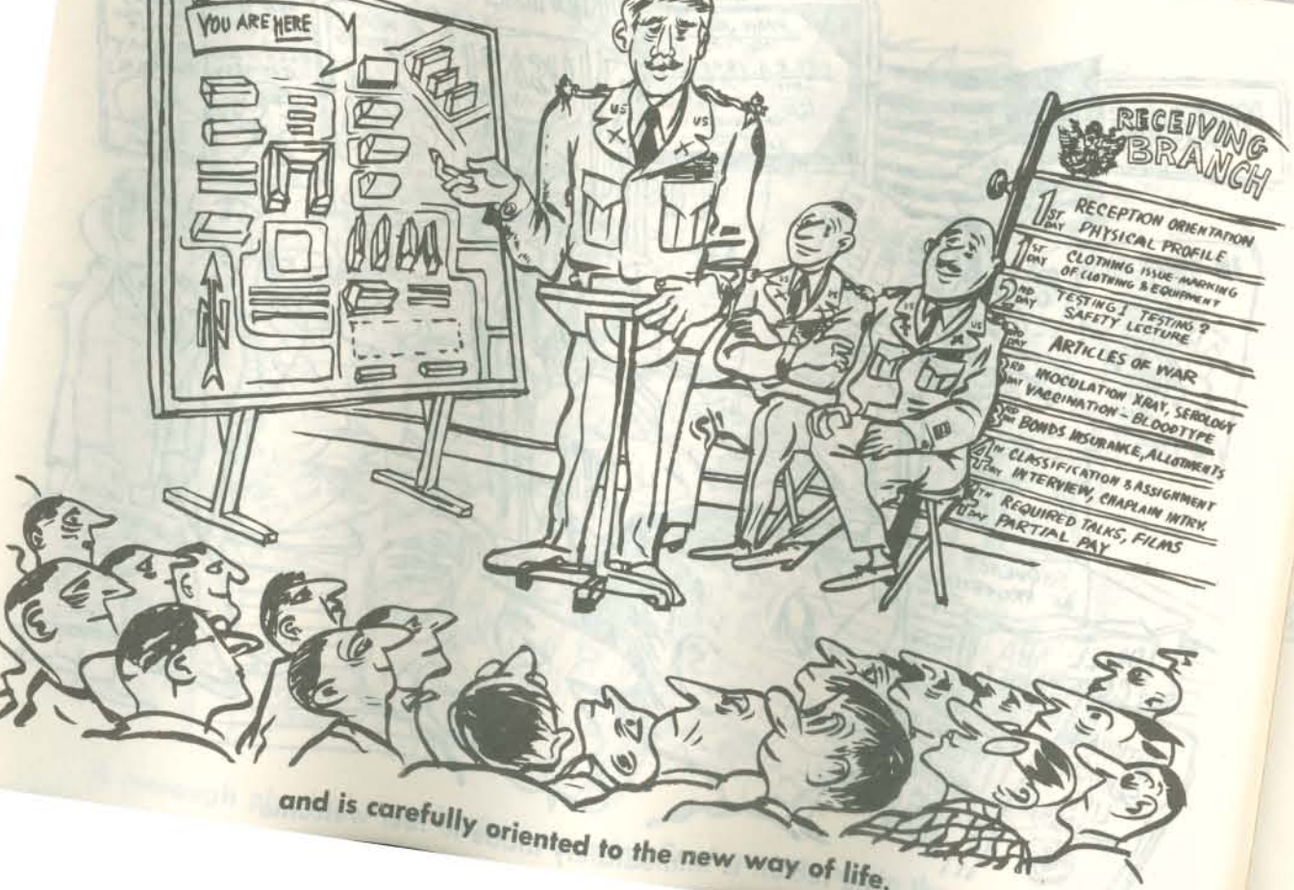
So, when the time came

he naturally selected the army.





The recruit is immediately made to feel welcome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RECEIVING BRANCH
1ST DAY RECEPTION ORIENTATION
1ST DAY PHYSICAL PROFILE
1ST DAY CLOTHING ISSUE-MARKING OF CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT
2ND DAY TESTING 1 TESTING 2 SAFETY LECTURE
3RD DAY ARTICLES OF WAR
3RD DAY INOCULATION XRAY, SEROLOGY VACCINATION - BLOODTYPE
3RD DAY BONDS INSURANCE, ALLOTMENTS
4TH DAY CLASSIFICATION & ASSIGNMENT INTERVIEW, CHAPLAIN INTRY.
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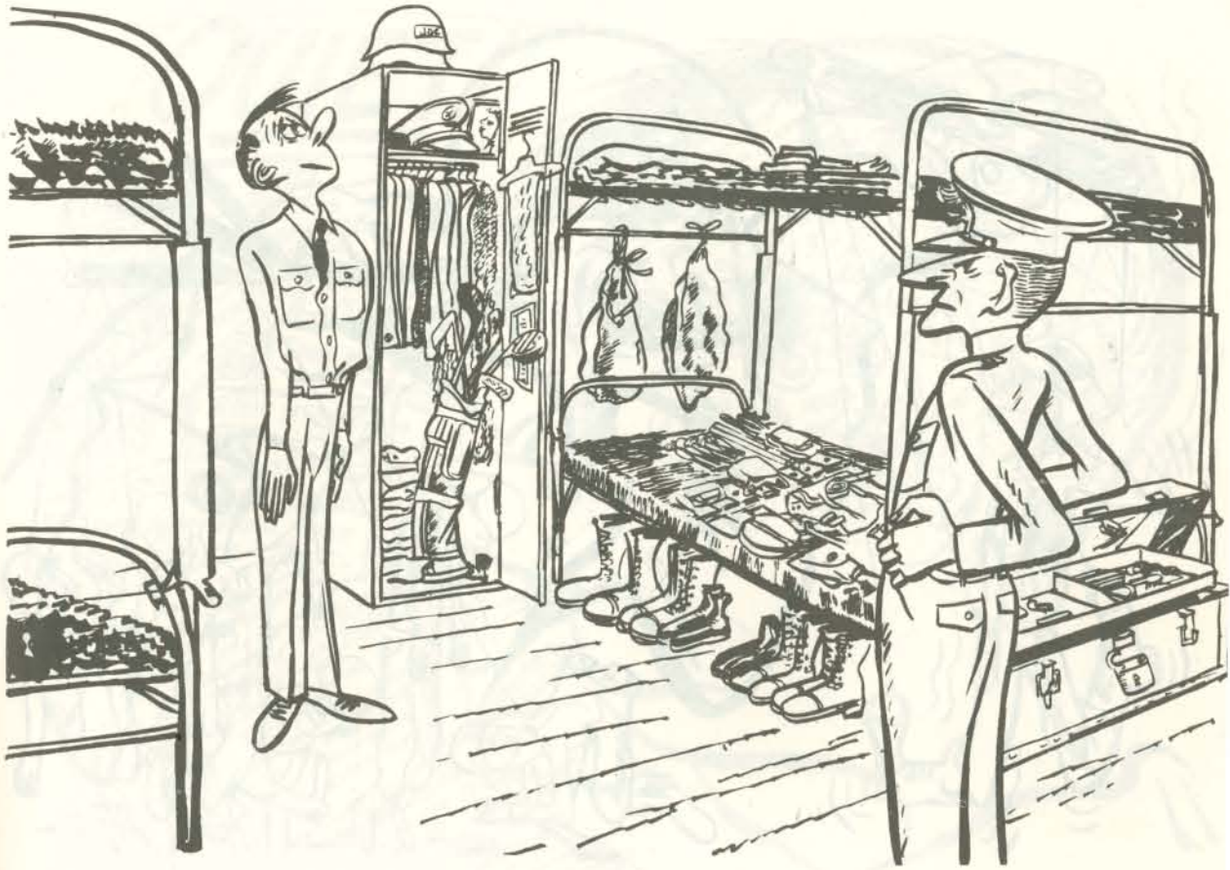
and is carefully oriented to the new way of life.

are made up for

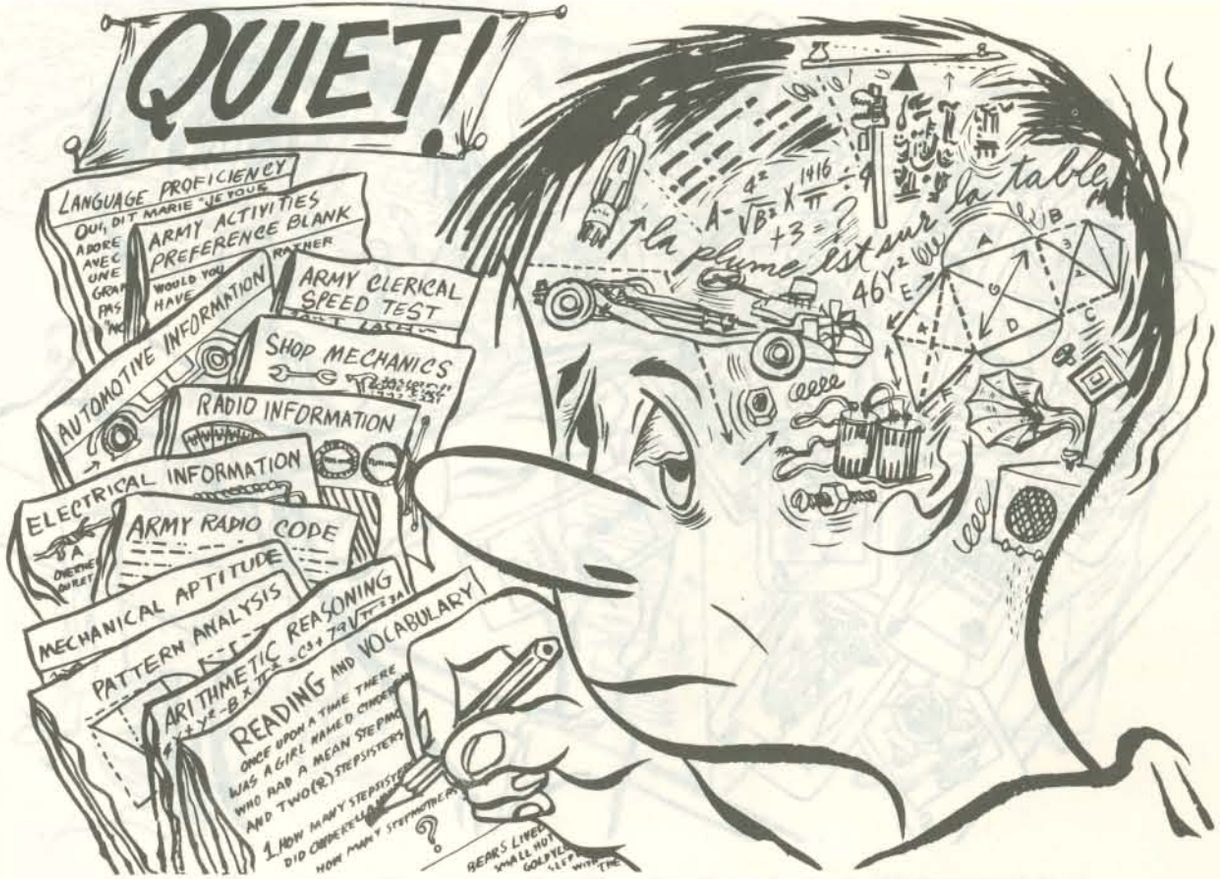
by large, personal gains.

The customs of the service



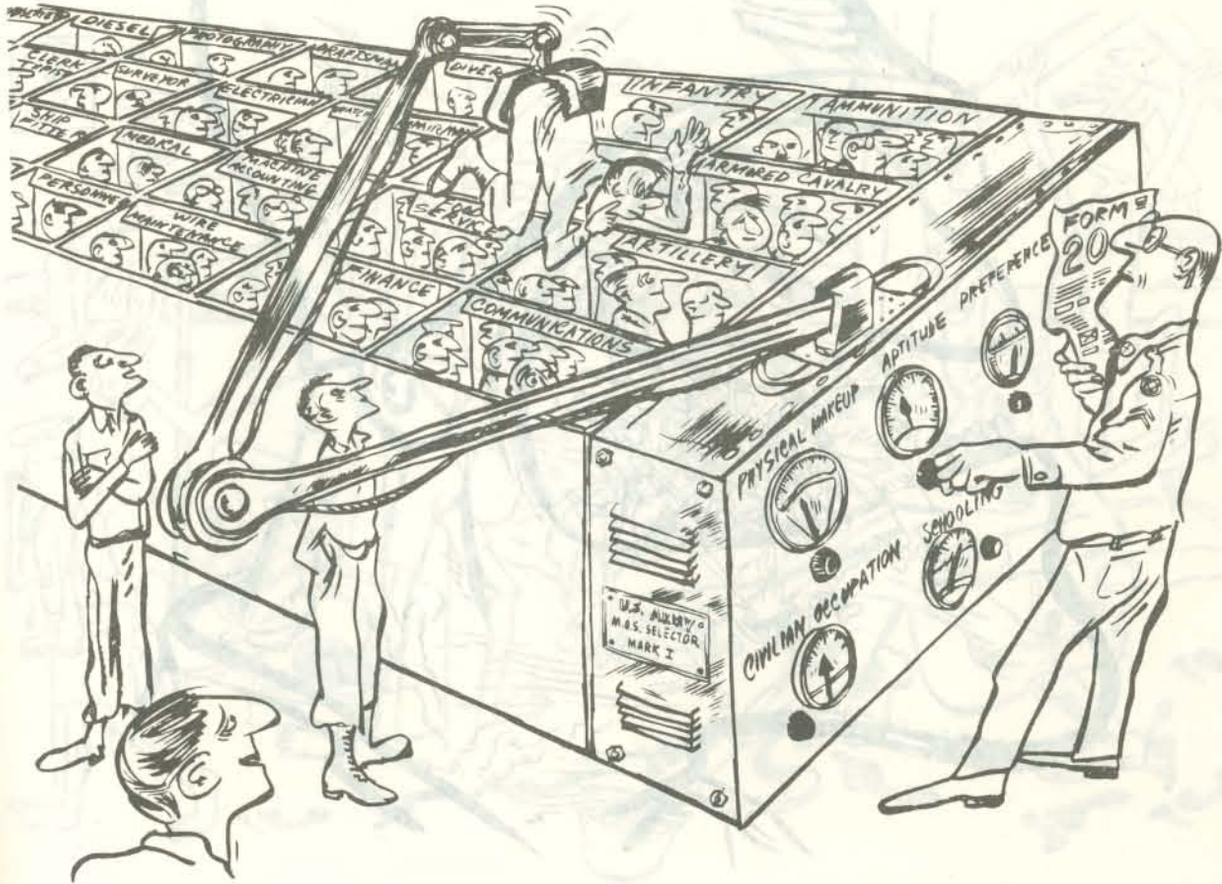
are quickly absorbed.

The platoon sergeant supervises the transition to army life.



The army makes exhaustive efforts to determine the man for the job,

and after explaining the job to the man,



scientifically matches the one to the other for the greatest efficiency of both.

The objectives of basic training include responsiveness to army discipline,

how to live with one's fellow man,

responsibility for equipment,

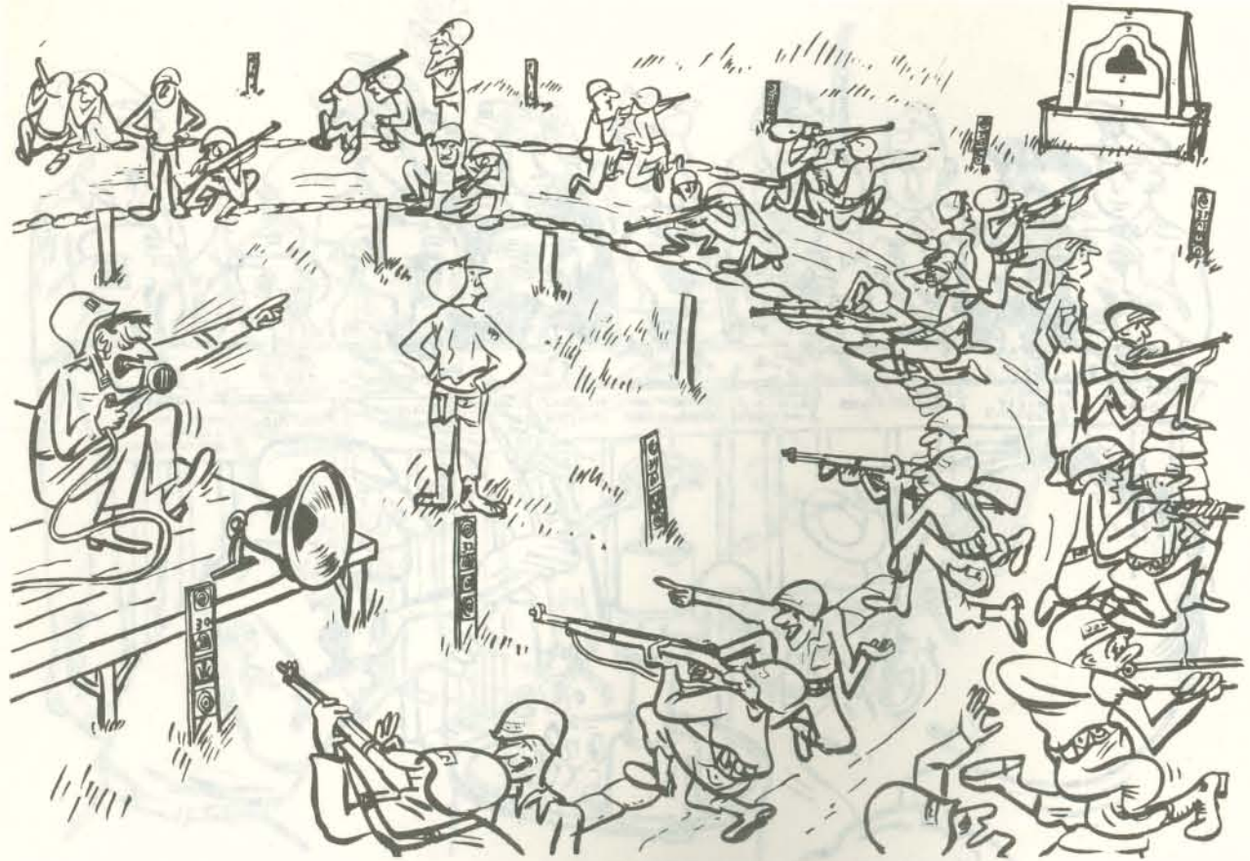
and self-reliance

under any circumstance.

Interior guard duty is solemnly pursued.

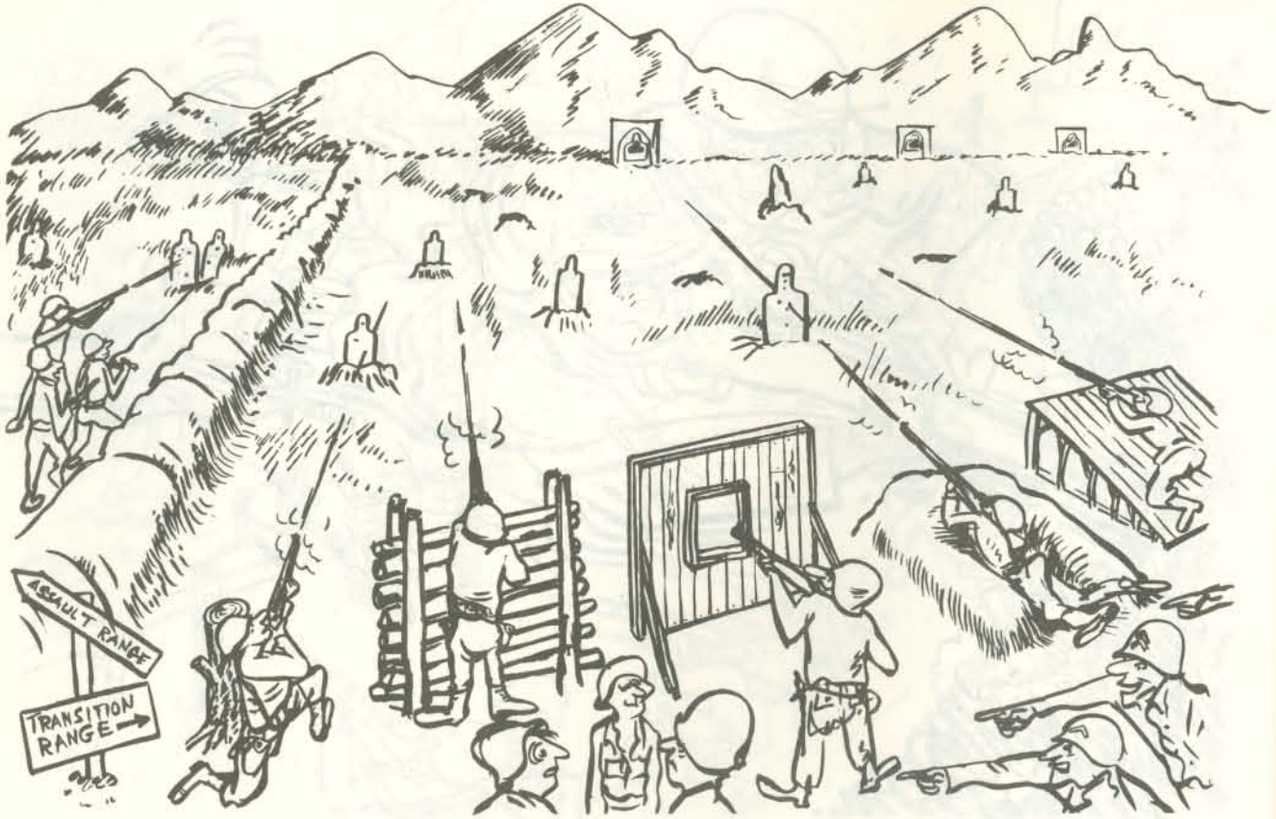
The chaplain is always available for counsel and guidance.

Classroom instruction

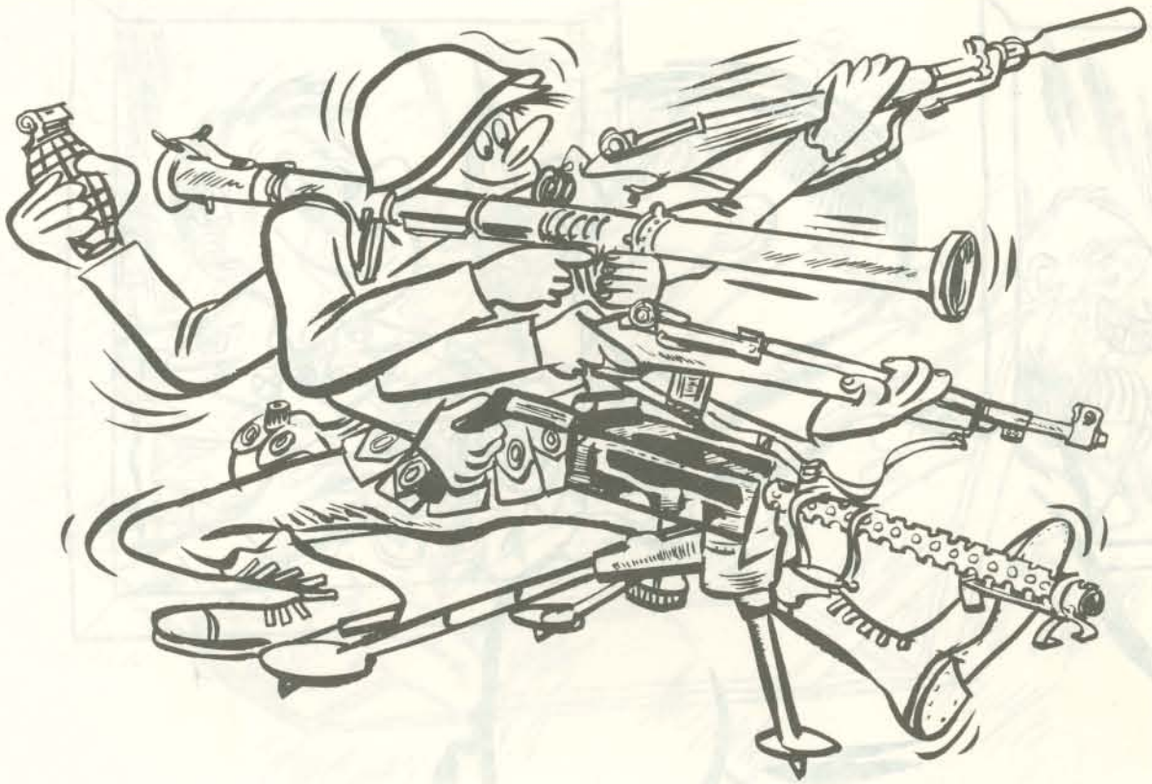


is alternated

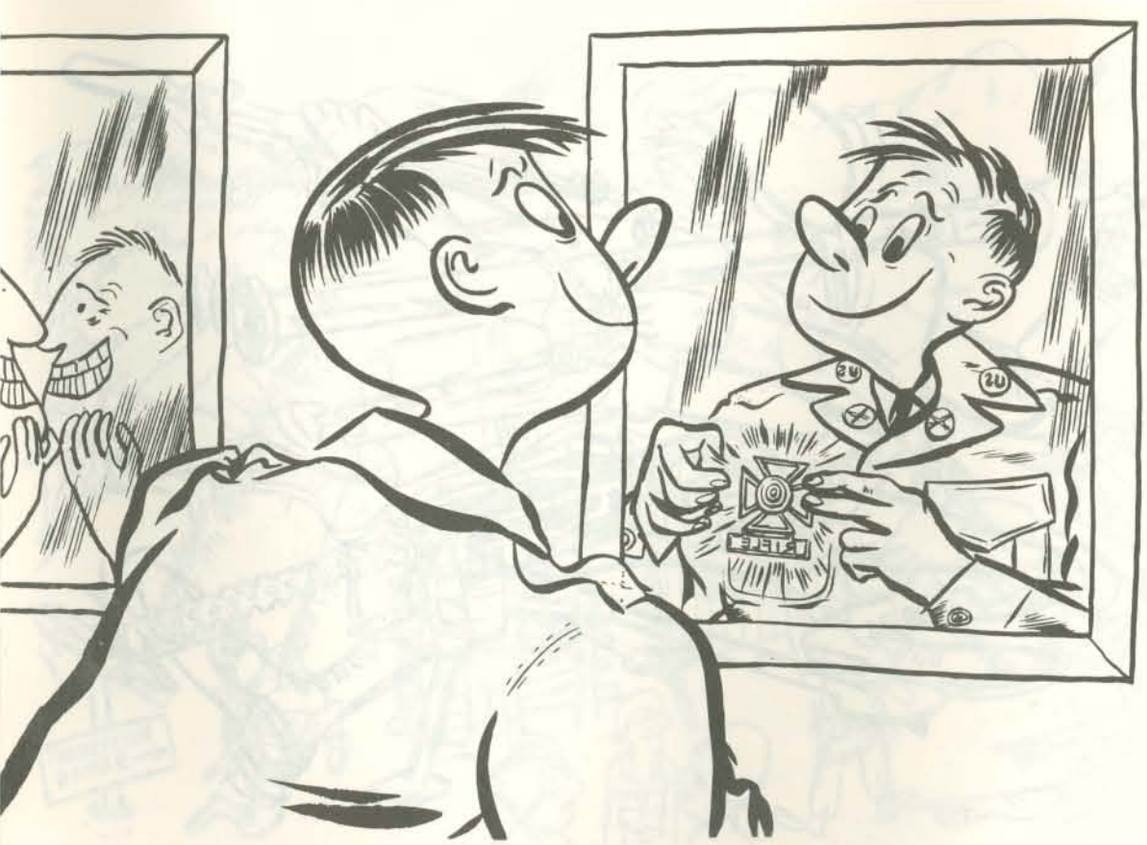
by practical experience



in the necessary skills



of the soldier.

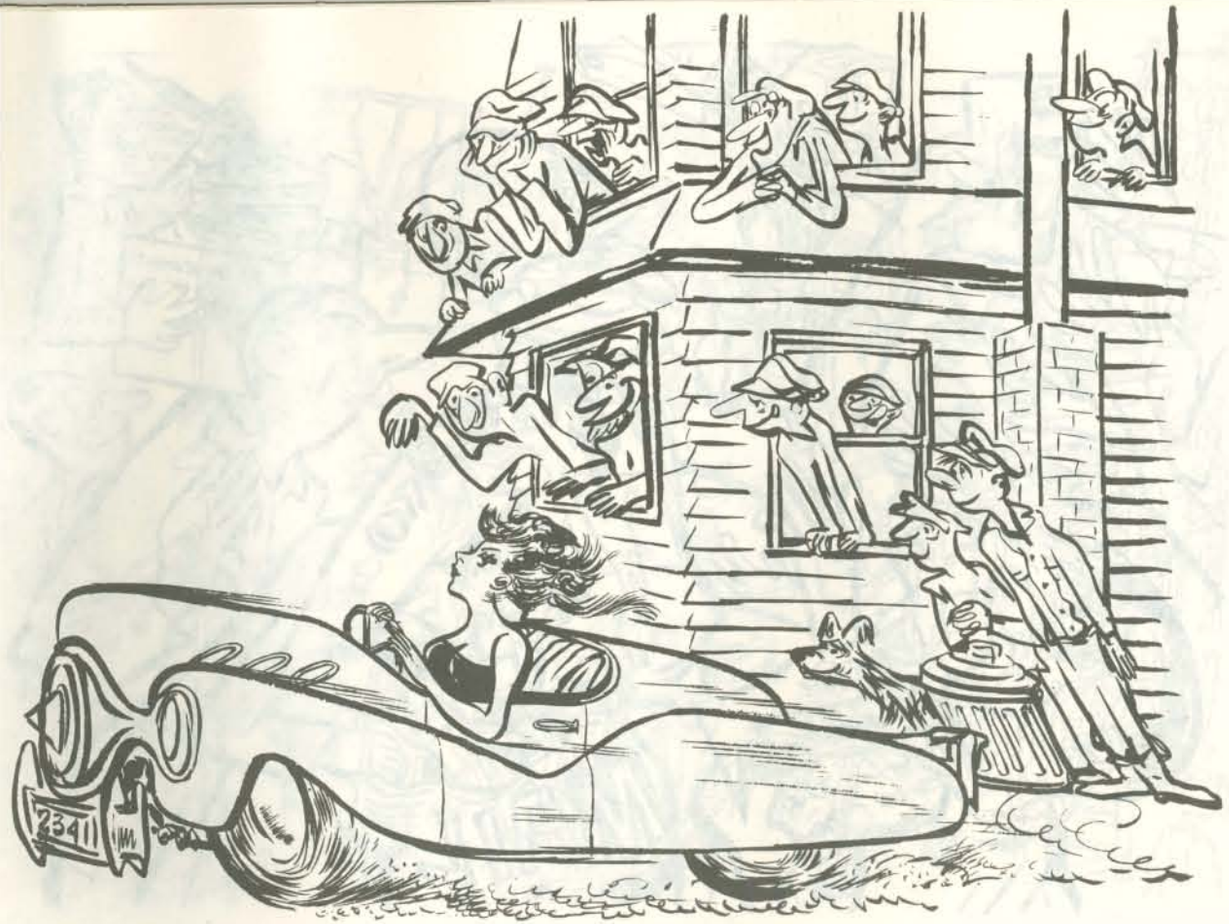


Proficiency is recognized at once.

A strong body

builds confidence.

Contact with the outside world is encouraged.



Outdoor sports keep morale high.

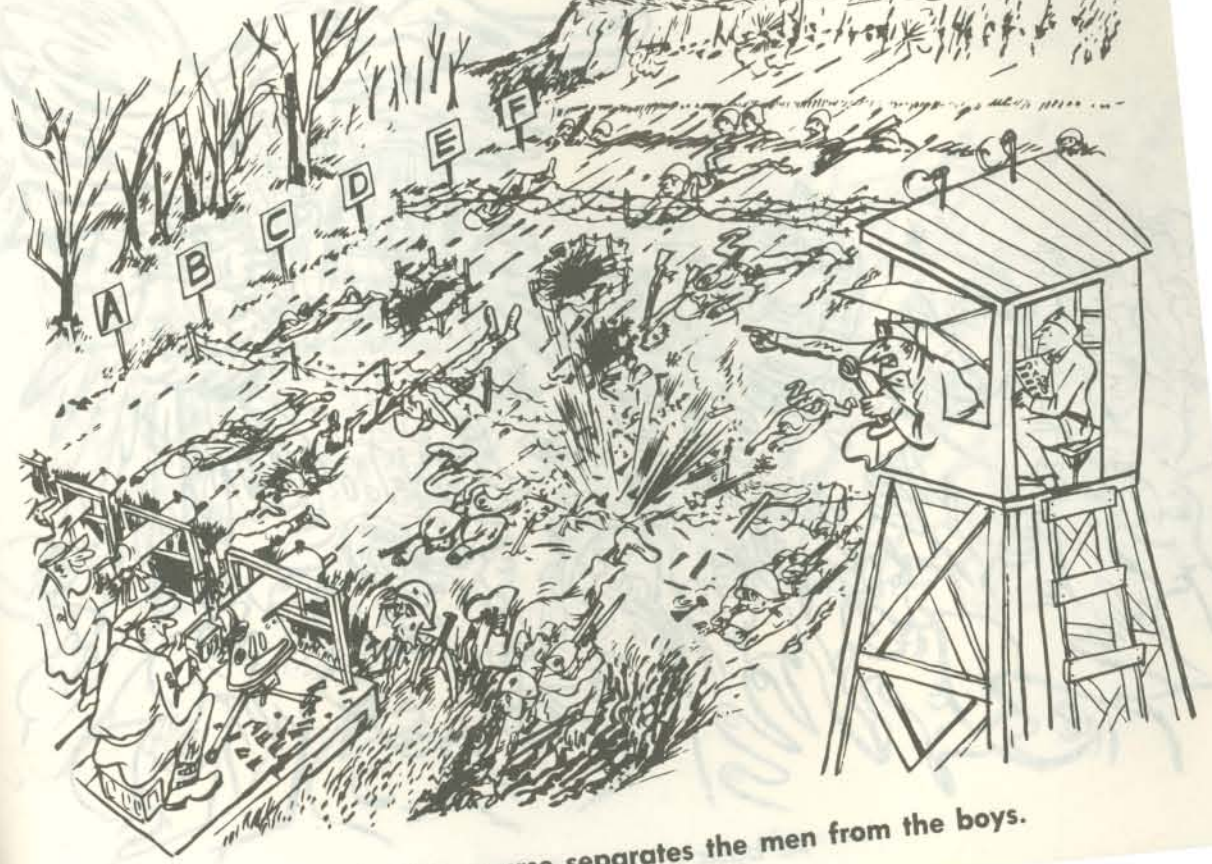
Bivouac provides field-work in

map-reading,

tactical combat problems,

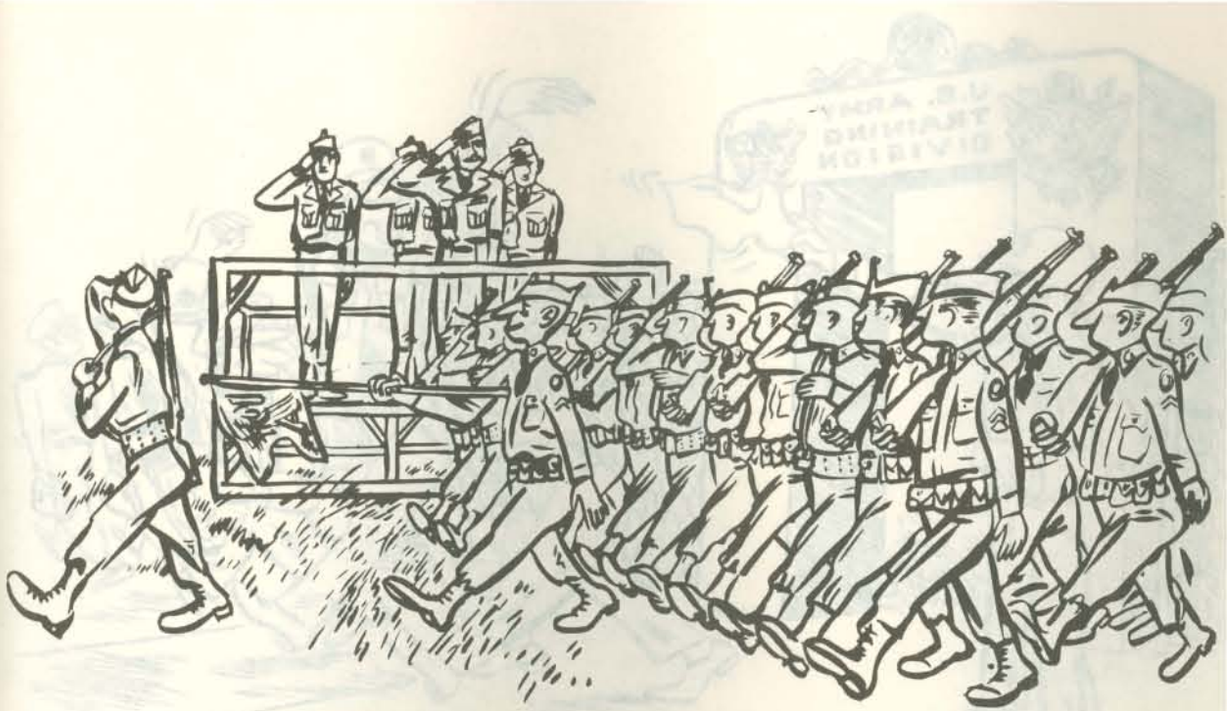
and camouflage and concealment.

Special duties

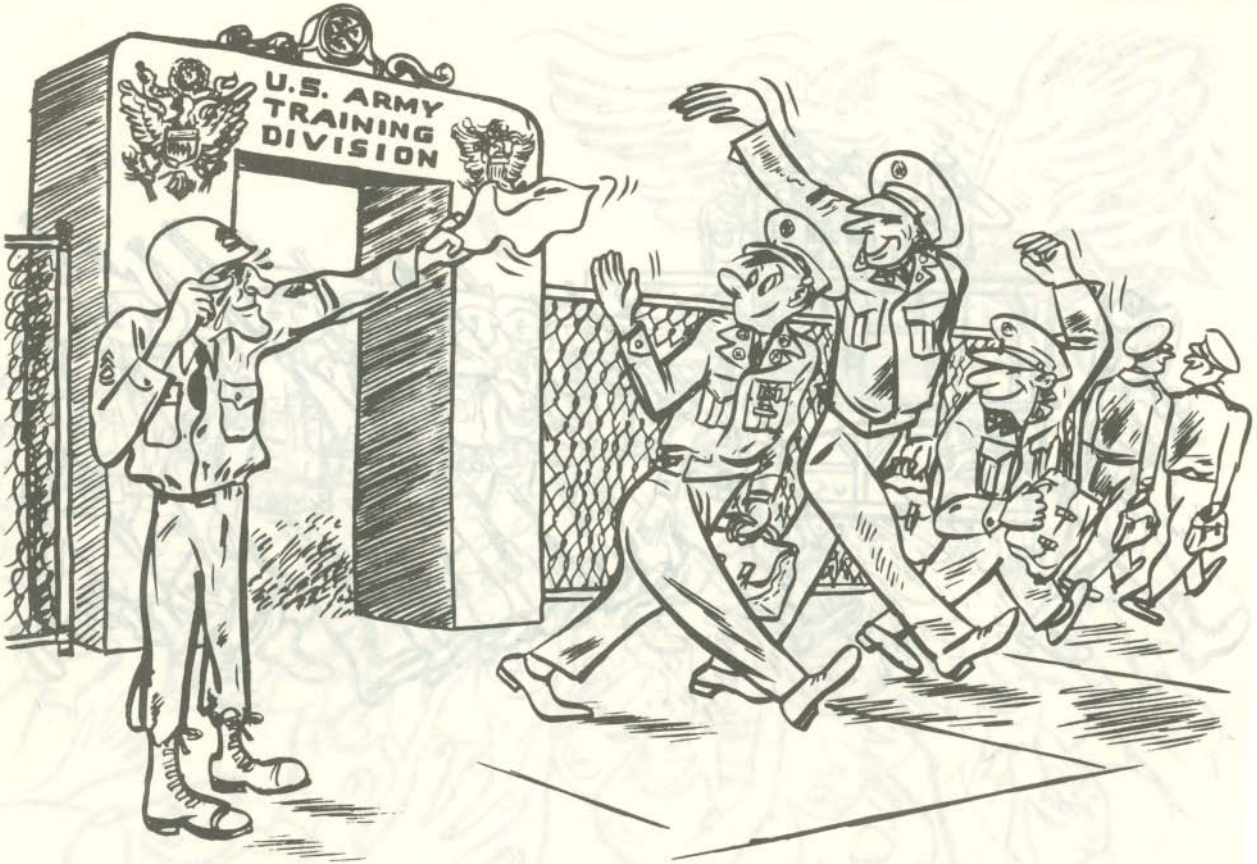


The infiltration course separates the men from the boys.

As basic training ends,



appropriate ceremonies are observed,



and Joe leaves basic training.